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officials of the government and naval and military forces of any government could not guard its interests, how could the fresh correspondent do any better?

We all know how our war correspondents bungled over our own affairs in Cuba, how only the grace of God prevented a dozen or more of them being shot, which would have been their just deserts and would have been their fate in any other country on earth.

We all remember the round-robin which might have cost us our entire army had we been fighting with any other people, and now that the Oriental has shown us the way to fight battles and win victories by leaving the conduct of the affairs of war in the hands of men trained to the business unhampered by premature exposure of plans, let us not return to the idiotic custom which has murdered more men than were ever killed in any properly conducted campaign.

J. H. MORIE.

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### OUR GERMAN CITIZENS

SIR,—I was struck by the letter of A. Busse, Ph.D., Professor in Hunter College, New York, published in the January number of *THE REVIEW*. The question as to the real citizenship of the Germans residing in America seems to be pretty thoroughly answered. They seem to know no obligation to this country. In this connection it would be interesting to learn who gave the word which was passed east, west, north, and south. Was it Dr. Dernburg who gave the order? If so, he seems to be abusing his hospitality.

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### THE PENNSYLVANIA MANUFACTURERS

SIR,—You take the ground that Mr. Bryan was not justified in his contention that manufacturers suspended operations before election in order to arouse opposition to the new tariff law. Perhaps this is so, generally speaking, but the inclosed clipping from the *Times* of November 8th, if true, seems to indicate that the manufacturers of Pennsylvania were not averse to the reelection of Senator Penrose. We know that the war conditions, and not the tariff, caused the suspension of activities in Pennsylvania, but, curiously enough, the announcement of renewed activities did not come until after election. Possibly it is a coincidence, and not a result of desire not to renew activities until after election. It seems strange, however, that all of these companies should not be aware that they had all these orders and that they intended to resume operations in time to announce such orders and intentions prior to election.

CYRUS C. MILLER.

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### FROM A SCOFFER

SIR,—Permit me to quote: "Great Britain and France, for example, have developed their great colonial holdings in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific without any thought that an armed clash over them ever would occur." Has the sage

forgotten the little incident of the champagne from Kitchener to a certain daring French explorer? No? Yes?

May I ask you a question, dear sir? Why these tears that are wetting the soil of our country for Belgium when our country is sprinkled with ruined refugees from Mexico, of our own blood, who can cap every horror from Flanders with another and worse?

Why "poor Belgians" now and "questionable adventurers" then? Yes? No?

Nothing like the dramatic to touch the pocket-nerve and the tear-duct, is there?

La! la! it is a sad world and we need amusement, so please do not grow too fond of our watchful waiter who never brings our order; you are so much more amusing when you are not fond of people.

A little bit in another article in your magazine (which alone among magazines is almost worth its—well, its editor), a trifle, a mere trifle, about the slowness of recruiting in England caught my eye. Will you permit a parody?

The tumult and the shoutings rise;  
But ever steadfast in our might  
Still stands our ancient sacrifice,  
Some other man to fight our fight.

FORREST HALSEY.

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